

[HOUSE BILL No. 320.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JAN. 3, 1865.—Read first and second times; special order after last special order, and from day to day; to be printed.

[By Mr. MILES, Military Committee.]

A BILL

To change the mode of filling Vacancies among Commissioned Officers of Companies, Battalions and Regiments.

1 SECTION 1. The Congress of the Confederate States of Ame-
2 rica do enact, That whenever a vacancy shall occur in the low-
3 est grade of commissioned officer in any company in the army,
4 the Captain of the company shall nominate the person to fill
5 the same, who, if approved by the Colonel of the regiment to
6 which the company belongs, and by the General commanding
7 the separate army or department in which the regiment is
8 serving, shall be forthwith assigned by the General to the va-
9 cant position, subject to the subsequent appointment by the
10 President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

1 SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That whenever any vacancy
2 above the lowest grade of commissioned officer, shall occur in a
3 company, the Lieutenant Colonel, Colonel or other commanding
4 officer of the battalion or regiment, shall nominate the person to
5 fill the same, who, if approved by the commander of the bri-

6 gade to which the battalion or regiment belongs, and by the
 7 General commanding the separate army or department in which
 8 the brigade is serving, shall be forthwith assigned by the General
 9 to the vacant position, subject to the subsequent appointment
 10 by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the
 11 Senate.

1 SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That whenever any vacancy
 2 shall occur in the field officers of a battalion or regiment, the
 3 brigade commander shall nominate the person to fill the vacan-
 4 cy, who, if approved by the division commander, and by the
 5 General commanding the separate army or department in which
 6 the brigade is serving, shall be forthwith assigned by the General
 7 to the vacant position, subject to the subsequent appointment
 8 of the President, by and with the advice and consent of the
 9 Senate.

1 SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That no person shall be nomi-
 2 nated, assigned or appointed under the provisions of this act, to
 3 any commissioned office in a company, battalion or regiment,
 4 who does not belong to the battalion or regiment.